

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the soldiers guarding our borders in Kargil, Leh, etc., have to pay full amount when they make STD calls to their families elsewhere;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to give concessions to Army Jawans who made STD calls to their families; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. Concessional tariff @ 1/4th of the normal tariff for STD calls have already been extended to the soldiers posted at Kargil and Leh border areas.
- (c) & (d) Do not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.